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## Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 – Expedited Procedure Examining Group 1642

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## **RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This paper is being filed in lieu of an Appeal Brief that was originally due on February 12, 2004, and is responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 6, 2003. Please note that the period for response has been extended until May 12, 2004 by the accompanying Petition and fee. Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.